GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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MEDICINAL PLANTS IN MAHARASHTRA
UTTAMRAO DEORAO PATIL

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified any medicinal plants in the hilly areas and forests in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise ;

(c) whether the Government have taken any initiatives for conservation of existing medicinal plants and development of such plants in Maharashtra ;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) No comprehensive inventory on medicinal plants have been carried out by this Ministry so far in the hilly and forest areas in Maharashtra.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)&(d) A pilot scale project on conservation of medicinal plants in few selected areas in Maharashtra has been taken up. This project which is supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) includesidentification and in-situ conservation of medicinal plants.

(e) Does not arise.